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Leon County Commissioner  
District 5

Dear Friends:

I wanted to share with you the most up-to-date information that I have received about the recovery efforts happening right now in Leon County and Tallahassee.

I encourage all residents to download the [Citizens Connect App](#), which puts timely emergency and recovery notifications at your fingertips through push notifications on your smartphone or other device. **Click the image to the right to download the App.**

If there is ever anything I can help you with, please feel free to call me (850) 606-5375 or just email me at [dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov). You can also find me on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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### Shelter Status:

All general population risk shelters have been consolidated to a single location at Sail High School. Leon County continues working to demobilize risk shelter operations and transition remaining shelterees into longer-term host shelters as soon as power is restored to host shelter locations identified by the Red Cross. Our partners are providing meals and water to shelterees at Sail. Approximately 100 citizens remain in the special needs shelter at Florida High School, which is also still taking in shelterees from other affected areas. The special needs shelter will remain open until all shelterees can safely be returned home or to another care facility. Several teams were mobilized today to conduct preliminary damage assessments at special needs shelterees' homes, which will help to determine if it is safe for them to return home from the special needs

shelter.

## Points of Distribution:

Through the Emergency Operations Center, we have put in requests with the State and will be receiving Florida National Guard resources to set up points of distribution. Each site will have abundant water, Meal-Ready-to-Eat (MREs), and tarps and will be capable of serving 10,000 citizens per day. County staff will also be supplementing the National Guard in staging and staffing. We will also be opening 10 of these points of distribution this morning throughout the County. The following 6 locations will be staffed and supplied by National Guard and will open by mid-day today:

Ft. Braden Community Center – 16387 Blountstown Highway

Woodville Park – 1492 J. Lewis Hall Sr. Lane

Apalachee Regional Park – 7550 Apalachee Parkway

Fire Station #4 – 2899 West Pensacola Street

Fire Station #1 – 327 North Adams Street

Fire Station #2 – 2805 Sharer Road

In addition, the County and City will be staffing 4 other points of distribution for bottled water only to ensure broad geographic distribution and accessibility. The following County and City operated sites will open from 9 AM to 5 PM:

Fred George Park – 4830 Fred George Road

Miccosukee (Concord School) – 15011 Cromartie Road

Fire Station #3 – 3005 South Monroe Street

Fire Station #15 – 1445 Bannerman

## Road Clearing:

As expected, there are extensive downed trees blocking virtually all of our major roadways in the County. Public Works remains fully activated with 130 personnel working in shifts to reopen blocked roads as late as it is safe to do so. Leon County Public Works has 15 crews in the field, supplemented by 10 additional contracted crews who arrived this morning. Additional contracted crews are arriving tomorrow to assist with cut and toss operations. At this time, all major roads in the County are passable, with the exception of Miccosukee Road which is 85% clear. Crews are still working to clear a portion of Miccosukee Road within City limits. Leon County Sheriff's Office deputies are also equipped with chainsaws and continue to assist with clearing blocked roads. We continue to update the [Emergency Information Portal](#) with the most up to date information about the status of road closures and reopenings.

## Debris Collection and Solid Waste:

We have activated our primary debris collection contractor who will be arriving today with resources to begin collecting residential debris, which we anticipate beginning on Saturday, October 13. We will provide updates with information regarding debris collection zones and schedules.

We will be opening all Rural Waste Service Centers and the Solid Waste Management Facility **free of charge** for all Leon County citizens to clear their yards and neighborhoods of storm debris, beginning Saturday, October 13 through next Sunday October 21 during normal business hours. The Rural Waste Centers will be open today from 9am to 6pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 5pm.

## Comfort Station:

The County will be opening the Main Library as a comfort station today from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The comfort station will provide air conditioning, snacks, water, a place to charge mobile devices, and computer access. We will establish a Community Recovery Center at the comfort station for local community partners to assist citizens through the recovery process, and a representative from **2-1-1 Big Bend** will also be on site to assist citizens in person. We are welcoming all visitors to the comfort station regardless of whether they have a library card or are a Leon County resident.

## Cellular Service:

At this time, we are aware that at least two cell towers in the county that are currently non-functional. Cellular providers are working to restore service to areas affected by outages, which are most extensive in the northeast portion of the county. Our staff in the EOC continues to actively coordinate with the State EOC as well as our telecommunications and mobile providers to learn more about the extent of the outages, find any available solutions to help restore temporary service, and determine providers' anticipated timelines for full service restoration.

## Permit Fees:

To help the community rebuild, Leon County will waive building permit fees for storm-related repairs, as well as permit fees to remove storm-damaged trees, as long as the work was completed by either the homeowner or a licensed contractor.

## Power Restoration (as of Thursday at 5 pm):

Immediately following the storm, City of Tallahassee Utilities and Talquin Electric both reported outages to more than 90% of their customers in Leon County. Following are the latest reports of outages:

City of Tallahassee: 106,269 outages (86% out)

Talquin Electric: 22,400 outages (91% out)

Duke Energy: 65 outages (100% out)

The City is reporting that 60% of its electric transmission system, 6 substations, and 117 of its 160 circuits are out of service. However, repairs to all of these components are underway and will occur simultaneously with extensive mutual aid support. Both hospitals, FSU, and FAMU are in service, and the City is actively working to restore power along its priority circuits in accordance with its restoration protocol. 65% of all traffic signals are in normal operation at this time, and the City continues to deploy portable generators to bring signals back online until primary power is restored.



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